order to maintain administrative and academic continuity, he was granted extension beyond 7th September, 1989. He was appointed on March 12, 1990 for a second term of three years.

Scholars getting Foreign Travel and Maintenance Grants

3013. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the scholars to whom foreign travel grants and maintenance grants had been given from the 1st January, 1990 so far;

(b) the topics on which the said grants were given; and

(c) whether prior permission of the Reserve Bank of India was obtained before giving the grant in foreign currency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA):(a) and (b) According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission provides lump-sum grants to each University from which the Universities sanction travel and maintenance grants to individual teachers for attending Conferences/ Seminars/Workshops abroad. UGC provides travel and maintenance assistance to college teachers and Research Scholars of University directly. A list of persons to whom such grants have been sanctioned since 1-1-90 alongwith the topic of the Conference/Seminar is annexed. (See Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 102).

(c) Travel grant is provided in Indian currency. It is for the individual grantee to obtain permission of Reserve Bank of India for foreign exchange for maintenance.

National Literacy Campaign in Himachal Pradesh

3014. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national literacy campaign with a central message 'Literacy and science for national integration and self-reliance' was launched in Himachal Pradesh in June, 1990;

(b) what are the main features of the campaign; and

(c) what amount of central aid was asked for and given to Himachal Pradesh in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA)' (a) to (c) The National Literacy Mission was launched in Himachal Pradesh on 5th May, 1988 to provide functional literacy to adult illiterates in the 15-35 age-group. During the International Literacy Year a Bharat Gyan Vigyan Jatha with the central message of 'literacy and science for national integration and self reliance' is being launched throughout the country including Himachal Pradesh, from 2nd October to 14th November, 1990. A Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti (BGVS) has been set up as a registered society in New Delhi for this purpose under the Chairmanship of Dr. Malcolm S. Adiseshaiah.

The BGV Samiti has already started its work in Himachal Pradesh and it has identified ten literacy ambassadors. District Level organisations are being formed and a State Level Convention is scheduled to be held in September, 1990. The main feature of the BGVJ programme in Himachal Pradesh is the Kalajatha which is to be performed in about 150 locales in all the 12 districts of the State. In each Kalajatha about 18 artistes and educators will perform cultural items before the people.

The BGV Samiti has been sanctioned a total grant of Rs. 242.22 crores for conduting the nation-wide Jatha. No Separate grant or allocation of